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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Temporary boundary between XII US Corps and XX Corps: MAIN River from junction with RHINE River M4055 to HOCHST M5867 (River incl to XII US Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map..

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (271200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. No change.
II French Corps. No change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 70th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Q9895. Designated as SHAEF reserve. 13th Armored Division. Continued movement to the vicinity of ZWIEBRUCKEN Q7271. Designated as SHAEF reserve.

VI Corps. 36th Division. Completed relief of the 14th Armored Division on line of the RHINE River in the vicinity of R4358 - R5379. 14th Armored Division. Assembled in the vicinity of SCHWEIGHOFEN R1949. 71st Division. Relieved the 100th Division and took up defensive positions on west bank of the RHINE River in the vicinity of R5379 - M4904. 100th Division. Continued to assemble in the vicinity of MECKENHEIM R3689.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. Commenced assembling in the vicinity of DEIDESHEIM R3290.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Advanced eight miles east on a six-mile front against light resistance. Captured LAUDENBACH M6612 and entered SULZBACH M6609, HEMSBACH M6610 and HEPPEHEIM M6516. Front line change: M6608 - SULZBACH M6609 - HEMSBACH M6610 - LAUDENBACH M6612 - HEPPEHEIM M6516 - M6417. 45th Division. Advanced six miles east on a six-mile front. Captured AUERBACH M6323 and ZWINGENBERG M6325 and entered BENSHEIM M6320. 44th Division. Closed in the vicinity of R1294 and began movement to cross the RHINE River in rear of the 3d Division. 12th Armored Division. Passed to control of the XV Corps at 262200A. 63d Division. Attached XXI Corps at 262200A.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH US ARMY (272400A). XIX Corps. 2nd Armored Division. Combat Command "A" commenced movement to an assembly area east of the RHINE River in the vicinity of A3234.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. 79th Division. Advanced up to three miles southeast on a four-mile front against heavy small-arms and automatic-weapons fire. The 134th Infantry reverted to the 35th Division. Front line change: A3024 - A3124 - A3324 - A3623 - A3624 - A3524 - A3625 - A3627. 35th Division. Advanced two to three miles east on a four-mile front against light resistance and harassing artillery fire. Front line change: A3828 - A4230 - A4132 - A4133. 30th Division. Advanced one to one and one-half miles east on a five-mile front against heavy resistance. Captured BESTEN A4139 and GAHLEN A4041. The 290th Infantry was relieved from attachment and attached to the 8th Armored Division at 271400A. Front line change: A4134 - A4234 - 4235 - BESTEN A4139 - A4140 - A4141 - GAHLEN A4041. 8th Armored Division. (With the 290th Infantry atchd). Closed in an assembly area east of the RHINE River in the vicinity of A3037 at 271100A.

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SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. No change.

XVIII US Airborne Corps. 17th US Airborne Division. (With 1st Commando Bde and 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Advanced up to nine miles east on a five-mile front against light resistance and established contact with XVI Corps in the vicinity of A4741. Front line change: A4641 - A4842 - A4144 - A4346 - A4247. 6th British Airborne Division. Advanced up to ten miles northeast against light resistance. Front line change: A4047 - A4351.

XII Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With the 157th Bde atchd). Attacked through the 15th Division on the corps right and captured RAESFELD A3853. Advanced up to six-miles on a six-mile front. Front line change: A3950 - A3850 - RAESFELD A3853 - A3753 - A3353 - A3055 - A2954. 53d Division. (With the 4th Armd Bde atchd). Attacked on left (west) of the 7th Armored Division over bad roads and soft ground against light resistance. Advanced three miles northeast on a four-mile front. Front line change: A2354 - A2356 - A2054. 15th Division. Advanced one mile on a one-mile front. The 157th Brigade (52d Div) was released from attachment and attached to the 7th Armored Division. Front line change: A1551.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. (With the 9th Bde atchd). Advanced three miles northeast on a two-mile front against light resistance and crossed ISSEL River in the vicinity of A1260. Front line change: A1358 - A1260 - A1160. 43d Division. Advanced one-mile north on a three-mile front. The 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade reverted to the 3d Canadian Infantry Division. Front line change: A0958 - A0760 - A0660. 3d Canadian Infantry Division. Advanced one and one-half miles northeast on a two-mile front. Front line change: A0158 - A0159 - A0059.

II Canadian Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I Canadian Corps and I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (27 March). Eighth Air Force: No bomber operations. 37 P47s and 78 P51s escorted Royal Air Force Bombers. Ninth Air Force: No bomber operations. The Tactical Air Commands flew 489 sorties. Claims included 5 enemy aircraft, 17 locomotives, 94 railroad cars and 711 motor transport.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light intermittent rain in south with occasional light drizzle in northern hills. Clouds: Overcast. Visibility: 1 mile at dawn becoming 3 to 4 miles by noon and decreasing to one mile by late afternoon. Wind: Light north-westerly. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 50° F. Minimum 42° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XII Corps. 26th Division. (less 328th Inf). Advanced seven miles east and reached the MAIN River M9951. The division zone was cleared of hostile troops as far as the MAIN River between ASCHAFFENBURG N0054, where house-to-house fighting continued against heavy resistance, and the vicinity of M8964. Units mopped up HANAU M8471 after heavy house-to-house fighting. Front line change: ASCHAFFENBURG N0054 - MAIN R - M8964 - M9065 - M8867 - HANAU M8471. 4th Armored Division. (With the 328th Inf atchd). Units of the 328th Infantry Regiment reached GROSSAUHEIM M8668. Other units assisted in clearing the remaining resistance from HANAU M8471 after stubborn house-to-house fighting. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" attacked north. Then spearheads advanced fifteen miles against light resistance. Front line change: HANAU M8471 - M8478 - M8688 - M8193 - M7992 - M7884. 90th Division. Advanced four miles north and reached the line M8370 - BURGEL M7469 along the MAIN River. The division resumed the attack at

0300A and gained four additional miles. Units followed the advance of the 4th Armored Division and mopped up against light resistance. Front line change: M7678 - M7673 - BURGEL M7469 - M7367. 6th Armored Division. Maintained positions along the MAIN River. Units continued fighting in FRANKFURT M6770 against heavy resistance. 5th Division. Continued house-to-house fighting in FRANKFURT M6770.

XX Corps. 80th Division. The 319th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of BISCHOFSHHEIM M4454. The 317th and 318th Infantry Regiments closed in the vicinity of M2648. The division attacked north at 0100A and established a bridgehead across the MAIN River. Captured KASTEL M3956 and advanced up to two miles on a six-mile front against light to moderate opposition. Front line change: M4758 - M4458 - M4156 - KASTEL M3956 - M3858. 65th Division. Continued to assemble in the vicinity of ROCKENHAUSEN M0614.

VIII Corps. A trestle bridge was completed across the RHINE River at ST. GOARSHAUSEN L9972. 89th Division. Extended the bridgehead across the RHINE River and advanced eight miles east on a thirteen-mile front against moderate to scattered resistance. Reached PRESBERG M1161, KEMEL M2074 and LORCH M0560. All remaining resistance was mopped up in NIEDER WALLMENACH M0574, BOGEL M0476 and BAD SCHWALBACH M2471. Front line change: LORCH M0560 - PRESBERG M1161 - M1166 - BAD SCHWALBACH M2471 - KEMEL M2074. 6th Cavalry Group. Crossed into the bridgehead and then attacked through the leading units of the 87th Division. Advanced ten miles northeast against moderate resistance. Front line change: M2878 - M1785 - M1490. 87th Division. Advanced five miles northeast on an eight-mile front and followed the advance of the 6th Cavalry Group. Captured NASTATTEN M0877, BETTENDORF M0981, FRUCHT L9690 and OBER LAHNSTEIN L9189. Units reached SINGHOFEN M0786. Front line changes: M1084 - SINGHOFEN M0786 - M0489. 76th Division. Units of the 304th Infantry Regiment relieved the 6th Cavalry Group on the line of the LAHN River in the northern part of the corps zone. The remainder of the division assembled in the vicinity of M0481.

FIRST ARMY. 86th Division. Attached to the VII Corps.

V Corps. 272nd Infantry. (69th Div). Cleared all organized resistance from the corps zone south to the LAHN River from DIEZ M1997 to the RHINE River. Front line change: M0489 - LAHN R - DIEZ M1997. 9th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" advanced eighteen miles southeast from LIMBURG M2398 along the autobahn. Captured IDSTEIN M3880 and reached M4173. The 38th Infantry Regiment reverted to the control of the 2d Division. Front line change: M3095 - M4173 - M4298. 2d Division. Continued to mop up isolated pockets of resistance and cleared all opposition from WEILEBURG G3709. Units began movement to the vicinity of LIMBURG M2398 to relieve units of the 9th Armored Division. 102d Cavalry Group. Relieved units of the 9th Armored Division in the vicinity of M2097. 69th Division. (Less the 272d Inf). The 273d Infantry Regiment commenced to assemble in the vicinity of BENDORF F8802. 28th Division. Attached III Corps 1200A.

III Corps. 7th Armored Division. Seized bridges intact over the DILL River at SINN G4228, KATZENFURT G4324 and in the vicinity of G5121. Then the division attacked east from the DILL River at 2130A and advanced seventeen miles against scattered and light resistance. Captured BELLNHAUSEN G6934 and crossed the LAHN River at that point. Captured KAPPEL G7242. Seized a class 70 bridge at G7037 and crossed the LAHN River at that point and also in the area G6929. Units entered GIESSEN G6621. Front line change: G5118 - LAHN R - GIESSEN G6621 - G6929 - BELLNHAUSEN G6934 - G7037 - KAPPEL G7242 - G7445. 9th Division. Advanced twenty-eight miles against light and scattered resistance. Units mopped up behind the advance of the 7th Armored Division and reached SINN G4228, KATZENFURT G4324, NENDEROTH G3230, G4123 and G3720. 99th Division. Followed the advance of the 7th Armored Division and mopped up. Units advanced twelve miles to G1515 and G3108.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). A spearhead advanced forty miles east against light resistance. Combat Command "B" reached the LAHN River and entered MARBURG G7246 at 1200A against no resistance. Combat

Command "R" moved east from the DILL River from the vicinity of G4033. Combat Command "A" continued to occupy positions along the DILL River. Front line change: MARBURG G7246 - G5844 - G5440 - G1535 - G3838 - G1835. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf). Followed in close support of the 3d Armored Division and mopped up scattered strong points of resistance. Units moved twenty-two miles east to G4531, G4235 and G2836. 1st Division. Attacked toward the east and gained thirteen miles against light and scattered resistance. Captured HAMM F9540, NIEDER MORSEBACH G0236 and GEBHARDSHAIN G0538. Units of the 18th Infantry Regiment were motorized and were prepared to move east at 1200A. Front line change: G1136 - G0639 - GEBHARDSHAIN G0538 - NIEDER MORSEBACH G0236 - F9740 - HAMM F9540 - F9240 - F9041 - F8140. 78th Division. Relieved units of the 1st Division and extended the line east along the SIEG River. The 309th Infantry Regiment took over the river line F7241 - F7042. 4th Cavalry Group. Relieved the 18th Infantry Regiment (1st Div). 86th Division. Closed in the corps area in the vicinity of CCLOGNE F4560. 321st Infantry Regiment defended the line of the RHINE River F4647 - F4952.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 86th Division. Assigned to First Army 27 March. 97th Division. Commenced movement to the vicinity of TITZ F0868. XXII Corps. The Corps Headquarters commenced movement to the vicinity of GREVENBROICH F1977. 16th Armored, 20th Armored and 106th Divisions and XXIII Corps all no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 272400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	66,012	269,407	35,480	9,315	380,214
Non-battle					282,706
Total Casualties					662,920

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: Seventh Army KAISERSLAUTERN R0294; XV Corps WORMS M4515; 4th Division MUFSEACH R3185; 63d Division WINNWEILER M0807; 70th Division OTTERBURG M0300; 71st Division SCHIFFERSTADT R4688; 12th Armored Division DEIDESHEIM R3290.

21st Army Group: VIII Corps A2242; XII Corps A1545; 43d Division A0556; 51st Division A0852; 7th Armored Division A1845; 8th Armored Division A3235; 3d Canadian Division E9952; 17th US Airborne Division PEDDENBERG A3141.

12th Army Group: Third Army Tac OBERSTEIN L7022; III Corps SELTERS G0114; VII Corps ALTENKIRCHEN F9332; XII Corps GR. GERAU M5347; XXII Corps GREVENBROICH F1977; 1st Division F9735; 5th Division M6766; 9th Division G2619; 26th Division JUGESHEIM M8259; 65th Division ROCKENHAUSEN M0614; 80th Division M3853; 86th Division F3661; 87th Division BOPARD L9081; 90th Division HEUSENSTAMM M7662; 99th Division G0708; 104th Division G4031; 3d Armored Division G3430; 4th Armored Division JUGESHEIM M8259; 7th Armored Division G5528; 9th Armored Division ELZ G2101.

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